

#### GOD THE FATHER CALLS US TO WORSHIP HIM

#### The Sixth Sunday of Easter

We are now in the season of Easter—a celebration of Jesus' victory over sin and death. Followers of Christ are called to a life of dying to sin, rising to the life of the Spirit, and participating in His reign as the Sovereign Lord. The Church now lives as those who are "risen with Christ," living under His rule.

# Preparation for Worship & Communion

#### SPEAK, LORD, FOR YOUR SERVANT HEARS

"God, our Maker, knows all about us before we say anything; but we can know nothing about Him unless He tells us. Here, therefore, is a future reason why God speaks to us: not only to move us to do what He wants, but to enable us to know Him so that we may love Him. Therefore, God sends His word to us in the character of both information and invitation. It comes to woo us as well to instruct us; it not merely puts us in the picture of what God has done and is doing, but also calls us to personal communion with the loving Lord Himself." —J.I. Packer

"Seek Him always, but go beyond seeking Him. Expect Him." –D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones

# Call to Worship

Isaiah 55:2-3

This morning's Call to Worship in the 10:30 AM service was led by the WEPC Children's Worship 2nd graders.

#### The First Word

We believe that God always initiates with sinners, so we begin worship with His Word: His invitation to us to gather in His name Listen diligently to Me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to Me; hear, that your soul may live.

# Declaration Of Faith

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Nicene Creed
The Nicene Creed
originated at the Council
on Nicaea (AD 325), and
an expanded form was
adopted by the Council
of Chalcedon (AD 451). It
was formulated to answer
heresies that denied the
biblical doctrine of the
Trinity and the Person and

Work of Jesus Christ.

# Song of Adoration

#### Adoration

The God who meets with us in worship is good and powerful.
We recognize His greatness and remember His amazing works together in song.

"All You have made will praise You, O Lord" Psalm 145:10

Francis of Assisi (c.1225); Tr. William Draper (1926); Tune: Geistliche Kirchengesänge, Cologne (1623). Public domain

#### ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING



### Welcome

We are glad you have joined us this morning! If you are visiting our church for the first time, or are a regular attender or church member, we encourage you to use our online or paper <u>Keep in Touch form</u> to introduce yourself, request prayer, or request more information about our church. Following the service, please introduce yourself to Pastor Steve Shelby either in the Gallery or on the front sidewalk.

# Presentation of New Members (10:30am)

Alice Warren

# CHILDREN'S WORSHIP Lab Commissioning (10:30am)

Worship Lab (for our second graders) introduces our students to some of our worship and church leaders, who guide our students through the various elements of the worship service. The purpose of this time is to give the children helpful tools to use as their hearts mature toward worship!

Led by Stephen Irwin

# Gospel Reading

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

John 1:43-51

### Ministry of Prayer

# **Offering**

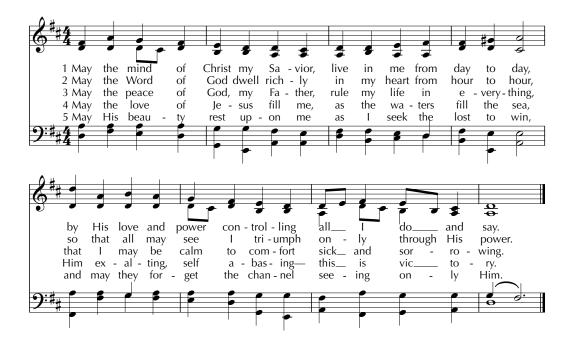
You can place your offering and/or tear-off as the plates pass. Please visit <a href="www.wepc.org/giving">www.wepc.org/giving</a> or scan the QR code for online giving options, or mail your offering to the church office (9008 Quioccasin Road, Henrico, VA, 23229).



"Let this mind be in you which is also in Christ Jesus." Phil. 2:5

Kate B. Wilkinson (1925); Tune: ST. LEONARD (Barham-Gould, 1925). Public Domain

#### MAY THE MIND OF CHRIST MY SAVIOR



# CHILDRen's WORSHIP (10:30am)

Children, age 4 through 2nd grade, will be dismissed prior to the sermon for a Bible Lesson, activity, and fellowship. Pick up from Room 121. <a href="www.wepc.org/grow/children">www.wepc.org/grow/children</a>

#### GOD THE SON RENEWS US THROUGH HIS WORD & SACRAMENT

### Scripture Reading

<sup>1</sup>Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord in the presence of Eli. And the word of the Lord was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision. <sup>2</sup>At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his own place. <sup>3</sup>The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. <sup>4</sup>Then the Lord called Samuel, and he said, "Here I am!" 5 and ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. 6And the Lord called again, "Samuel!" and Samuel arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." 7Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. 8And the Lord called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. <sup>9</sup>Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant hears.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. <sup>10</sup>And the Lord came and stood, calling as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant hears." 11Then the Lord said to Samuel, "Behold, I am about to do a thing in Israel at which the two ears of everyone who hears it will tingle. <sup>12</sup>On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. <sup>13</sup>And I declare to him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. 14Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be atoned for by sacrifice or offering forever."<sup>15</sup>Samuel lay until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the Lord. And Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. 16But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." And he said, "Here I am." 17 And Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." 18So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. And he said, "It is the Lord. Let him do what seems good to him." <sup>19</sup>And Samuel grew, and the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. <sup>20</sup>And all Israel from Dan to Beersheba knew that Samuel was established as a prophet of the Lord. <sup>21</sup>And the Lord appeared again at Shiloh, for the Lord revealed himself to Samuel at Shiloh by the word of the Lord.

I Samuel 3:1-21

### Sermon

A Worship Guide with sermon questions is posted each Sunday at <a href="https://wepc.org/worship/sermons-media">https://wepc.org/worship/sermons-media</a>. You can also find the sermon audio on <a href="https://wepc.org/worship/sermons-media">Apple Podcasts</a> and <a href="https://wepc.org/worship/sermons-media">Spotify</a> under "West End Presbyterian Church RVA."

# Preparation for the Lord's Supper

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

I Corinthians 11:23-26

For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after supper He took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

# Confession of Sin

#### Confession & Encouragement

Often we find that our hearts worship something other than God. In confessing our sins, the Holy Spirit probes our hearts and minds and graciously shows us what we mistakenly believe will give us life. Jesus is good to lead us from sorrow over our sin to the sweetness of His grace.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, You summarized the Law of God when You said, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

God of Grace, You love us, but we have not loved You. You call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, compelled by our own concerns. We have praised what You condemn. Help us to admit our sin, so that as You come to us in mercy we may repent, turn to You, and receive forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

Silent Confession of Sin

### Words of Encouragement

Who is a God like You, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of His inheritance? He will again have compassion on us; He will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.

from Micah 7:18-19

### THE Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

West End Presbyterian Church welcomes all baptized Christians who actively trust in Jesus Christ for salvation, who are willing to forsake their sin and heart-idols, and who are members of congregations that proclaim the Gospel, to participate in the sacrament of the Lord's Supper with us. The Elders presiding over the Supper are praying for you as the congregation participates in the sacrament.

At each communion station, grape juice is served in purple cups, wine is served in clear cups, and gluten-free bread is served in a separate tray. For a list of ingredients in the wafers, see <a href="www.wepc.org/communion">www.wepc.org/communion</a>.

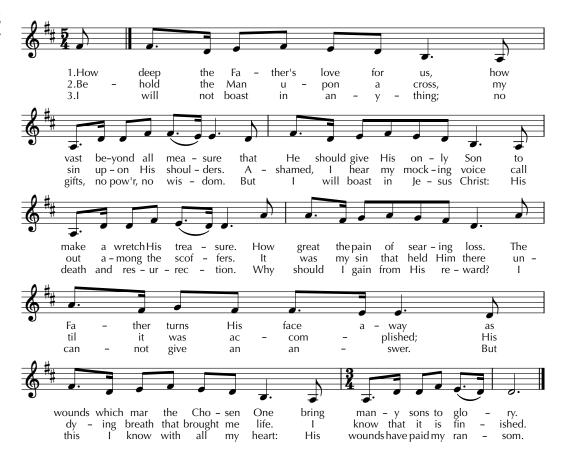
If your child is ready to make a public profession of faith in Jesus Christ, please contact the WEPC office.

# Songs of Response to God's Grace

"See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God." I John 3:1

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#### HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR US



#### NONE OTHER LAMB



"Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" John 1:29

Words: Christina Rossetti. Music: Alex Mejias and Ross Byrd. ©2009 Alex Mejias Music/Ross Byrd Music. Used by permission. CCLI #708363 "At the name of Jesus every knee should bow..." Philippians 2:10

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#### **YOUR GREAT NAME**



# Doxology



"Let everything that has breath praise the LORD." Psalm 150:6

Text: Thomas Ken (1709) Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH (Bourgeois, 1551)

What does "doxology" mean? It's derived from two Greek words meaning "glory" and "word." A doxology, then, is a spoken word or song that ascribes glory to God. Today's doxology calls all of creation to praise God as the source of all blessing and acknowledges His Trinitarian (three-inone) nature.

# Benediction

A team is available for prayer at the front of the Sanctuary following the 9 AM & 10:30 AM services.

Pastor Steve Shelby preached today's sermon and administered the Lord's Supper. Pastor Kevin Greene led worship. Trey & Jen Wickham, Sarah Shrader, Worship Arts Director Becca Wethered, Pat Reynolds, and Troy Arnold led this morning's congregational singing. Ross Bruning and Deacon Chris May managed today's audio and video live stream. Cody Hahn managed the in-house video system.

The tapestry at the front of the sanctuary is the traditional liturgical color of white for this 50-day season of Easter. The tapestry will return to its many colors during the season of Pentecost. The piece is entitled "Psalm 148," and was created by a team of WEPC artists.

#### The Last Word

God always has the last word in our worship. For those who are in Christ Jesus, these are always words of blessing.

# **announcements**

#### **ADULT MINISTRY**

www.wepc.org/adults

Adult Sunday School: The Gospel Pursues Sundays through June 29 / 9 AM / Room 810 Join us as we seek to gain a deeper understanding of the good news and discuss how God has chosen our lives as one of the ways He communicates his grace to a broken and hurting world. Finally, we'll help you gain confidence in sharing the good news with those around you. Led by Matt Bouknight (matt@wepc.org).

Women's Ministry Summer Women's Fellowship

Mondays, June 30-July 28 / 6-8 PM / Rm 810 Please join us as we share a simple meal and consider a passage of Scripture together. All are welcome! Contact: Heather Oberle (hoberle@wepc.org)

Young Adult Ministry

Young Adults at WEPC is for those in their 20s & 30s looking for a space to grow in their faith and connect with others. In this season, we are listening to personal stories of God's redemption in our lives. Contact: Matt (matt@wepc.org)

### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

www.wepc.org/grow/children

#### Sundays

9 AM: Nursery (infant-3 years old)

• 10:30 AM: Núrsery (infant-3 years old) & Children's Message or Worship (4 years-2nd grade; Children's Worship does not meet on the 1st Sunday of the month. Nursing Mom's Room (service audio available during both services)

#### **Vacation Bible School**

June 23-26 / 5:30-8 PM

Join us for a fun-filled week of Bible teaching, games, crafts, and fellowship! REGISTER your child here by June 1 to guarantee your child a t-shirt. Many VOLUNTEERS are needed - sign up to volunteer here!

#### **Nursery Volunteers Needed**

The nursery is in need of 11 Adult Volunteers for the 9 AM service to serve on rotation, once every 8 weeks. If interested, contact Audrey Snyder (audrey@wepc.org)

### Neighborhood Outreach Ministry

www.wepc.org/neighborhood

#### **Simple English Bible Study**

5-6:30 PM / Room 810 Next Meeting: TONIGHT!

\*This will be the last meeting until Fall 2025. Contact: Changjwok Deng (changjwok@wepc.

**Neighborhood Outreach Ice Cream Social** 

May 30 / 4 PM / Nottingham Green Playground Join us for time of fun and fellowship with our neighborhood friends as we kick off the summer. All are welcome. Questions? Contact: Rylee Blevins (rylee@wepc.org)

#### 2025 WEPC Track Camp

June 9-13 / 5-8 PM

WEPC Track Camp is a family-friendly ministry for rising 1st through 12th grade students. Come have fun with relays, sprints, baton handoffs, birthday push-ups, and more! This camp is FREE! Sign up to register <a href="here">here</a>. Contact: Rylee Blevins (rylee@wepc.org)

### Youth Ministry

www.wepc.org/grow/youth

- Youth Sunday School: 9 AM / Youth Lounge
- Parents vs. Students: May 28
- School's Out Cookout: May 30
- Celebration Sunday: June 1Summer Youth Group: June 4
- HS Putt Putt: June 6
- The Landing Camp: June 12-16

### Gospel & Race

www.wepc.org/resources/gospel-race

Summer 2025 Gospel & Race Book Discussion Swing Low: A History of Black Christianity in the United States (vol. 1), by Walter Strickland Sundays, June 29-August 17 / 12:30-2 PM / BYOL The dynamic witness of the Black church in the United States is an essential part of Christian history. In this history of African American Christianity, we'll explore five theological anchors of Black Christianity. Author Walter Strickland will join WEPC in September to lead a conference on this same material. To register for the study, contact Kevin Greene (kevin@wepc.org).

#### 1823 College-Aged Ministry

ALL younger adults (post high school, approx. ages 18-23, in college, working, taking a gap year) are invited to join us for some summer bi-weekly gatherings on Thursday evenings 7-8:30 PM. Visit our website for the exact dates and more information or contact Kristin Tetterton (kristin@wepc.org). Join the 1823 GroupMe HERE.

### **Missions**

www.wepc.org/outreach/missions

**Missions Lunch: Matt Irvine** 

June 8 / 12 PM / Fellowship Hall Join us for a lunch and update with WEPC Mission Partner, Matt Irvine, who serves with Serge in Harrow, London, UK. Hear what Jesus is doing in outreach and church planting in British South Asian communities. RSVP to Karen Howe (karen@wepc.org).

# WEPC Short Term Mission Team Egypt: October 18-29, 2025

Interested in hearing more about staffing a vision clinic in partnership with WEPC Supported Mission Partner, Mafdi (SeeJesus Arab World Trainer) and a local church in Sohag, Egypt? Visit WEPC's Missions page for more information, or contact Kevin Greene (kevin@wepc.org).

**Irish Vision & Prayer Summit** 

July 26-August 3, 2025 / Dublin, Ireland Join us for a week in Dublin, Ireland in which participants will hear about God's work in Ireland, learn about Irish culture, and travel across Ireland to listen to, encourage, and pray with Irish Pastors and ministry leaders. In partnership with WEPC supported mission agency, Serge. Ages 18 and older; 14+ with adult. Contact: Kevin Greene (kevin@wepc.org)

# **Young Lives Childcare Team Needed** July 5-9 / Rockbridge, VA

A team of WEPC men and women, teens through adults, is forming to do childcare at a Young Lives (WEPC Missions Partner) camp, impacting teen parents and their children with the Gospel. Contact: Joyce Lawrence (jcl7577@comcast.net) or Heather Oberle (hoberle@wepc.org).

#### General information

#### **Deacons of the Week**

Brian Zollinhofer, Tim Andrews, Taylor Miller, & EJ Fogarty

**Congregational Meeting:** 

Budget Presentation & Election of Officers
June 1 / Following the 10:30 AM service
Please join us for a congregational meeting as
we present the FY 2025-26 church budget, vote
on the Pastors' Terms of Call, and re-elect church
officers. Everyone is welcome, members will vote.
Deacon Re-election: Mike Glasgow, Stephen
Hunn, Rick McMahon
Elder Re-election: Richard Campbell, Roger
Johnson, Glenn Smith, Gary Witthoefft

The Life of Samuel Spotify Playlist

Check out <u>The Life of Samuel Spotify Playlist</u> to sing along to songs that remind us of God's kingship, sovereignty, and faithfulness to His people. You can find it by searching "The Life of Samuel Sermon Series" or "West End Presbyterian Church RVA + playlists."

# WCPC Community Preschool

Preschool Scholarship Fundraiser: The Giving Grid

Each year we give scholarships so children from our church and neighborhood can attend preschool - to learn and hear about Jesus. We're launching a new fundraiser called The Giving Grid! Our goal is to fill every block. Claim a number (or multiple) and donate that amount. Thank you in advance for your support! <a href="https://www.wepc.org/preschool/giving-grid">www.wepc.org/preschool/giving-grid</a>

Preschool Enrollment - Still Open

Classes available for 1-5 year olds! Come join us! Visit <u>wepc.org/preschool</u> or contact Casey Zollinhofer (<u>casey@wepc.org</u>).

### FOOD Pantry

www.wepc.org/mercyministry

#### Volunteers/Families Needed

Our food pantry rotating teams are in need of additional volunteers to serve our neighbors on Sundays after worship from 12-1PM. This is a great opportunity for families to serve together. Contact: Jim and Chris Black (jim black@verizon.net)

#### Food Items Needed

Please continue to check our weekly list or join a Food Item Team to help keep the shelves stocked for our neighbors.

# Keep in Touch

### Especially if this is your first Sunday with us —welcome!



Date:				
Name:				
Children's Names:				
Address:				
City:				
Phone:				
Email:				
Who invited you to WEPC?	How did you	first hear abo	ut us?	

♦ Check if this is <u>NEW</u> contact information for you.

#### Please check the appropriate boxes:

- ♦ Visitor <u>Age</u>
- ♦ Male
  ♦ 20 or younger
- ♦ Female
   ♦ Single
   ♦ Student (Grade \_\_\_)
   ♦ Student (College)
   ♦ 50-64
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- ♦ Parent♦ Widowed

#### I would like info about:

- ♦ WEPC
- ♦ Women's Ministry
- ♦ Men's Ministry
- ♦ Young Adult Ministry
- ♦ Childrens Ministry
- ♦ Youth Ministry
- ♦ Adult Classes
- ♦ Home Groups
- ♦ Neighborhood Outreach
- ♦ Becoming a member of WEPC
- ♦ Other:\_\_\_\_\_\_
- ♦ Please include me on the WEPC email list.
- ♦ I am interested in learning more about becoming a Christian.

Prayer Requests:	sts:	Req	Prayer
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### **Prayer of Belief**

Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but, through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment, and forgiving me. I run from my sins—my old life living for myself—and receive you as Savior. Amen.